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## AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL PRIMARY LAW IN TENNESSEE.

Virginia Democrats will be interest ed to note that the primary law passed by the Tennessce Legislature at its last session has just been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of that State. The court's county judges from the operation of the act and the fact that the body of the act was broader than its title But it seems to have laid most stress upon the assessment of fees from candidates as a condition to the right to

It will be remembered that the Byrd primary bill now before the Virginia Assembly includes just this feature. Under it each aspirant is to be charged s fee equal to 3 per cent, of the alary attached to the office which he seeks. The Tennessee ac provided fixed fees which run from \$10. in the case of a county office, to \$500, in the case of a United States Senator. This provision excited the of the Tennessee court, which first quotes an Illinois opinion, and then goes on to say:

We think this section is unconstitu-tional for the reason that it makes an arbitrary, capticious and unreasonable classification of candidates in pro-viding that persons who are able to pay the prescribed fees may enter the orimary, while other men who are while other men who primary, while other men who are equally capable and worthy are excluded because of their pecuniary inability to pay the prescribed fee. Such a law is unreasonable because the classification is arbitrary and op-

to the primary principle, disat length the right of a egislature to enact a compulthe court detects a dis imination against poverty which i

patch has opposed the assessment sysem for the same reasons which the Tennessee court lays down, The present Democratic plan of unloading pon the candidates for office the entire expense of what is to all pricpurposes an election is man e justified only on the theory that cc-seekers alone were interested lates, is much better. In fact, it i tions. It would be still better, as we have sald before now, to throw the phole burden on the State and take the last bit of it from the shoulders of individuals whose interest in better nominations should be no greater than that of the rest of us. Apart from that, though, is the question of constitutionality, raised and decided adversely before now. Why should the Assembly adopt a provision which is of doubtful wisdom at best and which

### THE CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PAYING UP.

There is no surprise in Collector! Lowry's announcement on Sunday, that one in every three of the corporations within his jurisdiction had fail ed to make returns for the Federal tax upon them, which, practically goes into effect to-day. It is not only that the tax is a new one, that misunderstandings naturally arise about it and that many corporations find i necessary to do a lot of work upon their books before they can give the required information; though all of these things would naturally interfer with the successful launching of the measure. But beyond them is a gen eral dissatisfaction with the terms o this law and a fairly widespread de sire on the part of the corporations

fondness for the measure seems to ing invitations which have this invishave cooled somewhat of late, and, in-

there is rejoicing in Monroe county neighbors across the river at Toland summer, what time the court's injunc tion shall have sent the mosquitoe. Long happy nights are assured; do mestic peace is guaranteed, and the church will wax mighty and prevail when men no longer swear at the noc-

The cause of all this rejoicing, and, incidentally, the false friend of the mosquito was a certain mill pond that the Towaliga Falls Power Company but little water was required, and so dam up towards the lands of one pro testant soul called Sims. As the waquitoes, mosquitoes that invaded Sims's bed room and robbed Sims of attacked Sims at the table and drove Sims in dismay from sicep on the porch of Sims. Naturally Sims grew wrath Naturally he began to complain. Nat-urally he blamed the pest on the stagnant water. Naturally he went int

This, of course, was in those ho August days, when the scorehing heat around Forsyth and Goggansville makes a man feel how awful it is to argued from court to court, until finally it reached the Court of Appeals told, and gave the genealogy of the the culex a pest and the anopheles ; ages, and the company will have to pour crude oil on its stagmant water

Aside from its proper recompense t all natural rejoicing over so notable able for a man to endanger the health

been fighting to banish the mescuite extermination of this pest-the unwillingness of people to remove a nui-sance from others even when they suffer themselves. Put into genera practice, and accepted by all the victory for all enemies of disease and all advocates of good health.

## AS TO CREPAYING? HOSPITALITY. Really the thesis is one for Mis

Fairfax rather than ourselves; bu since strong men like Hopkinson Smith are already tackling it with vigor, we have, consented to approach it, for nce, with the natural amount of difndence. It has to do, this thesis, with the politeness, or lack of it, or the spirit closely in mind that the Aflantic is, of hospitality, or want of it, that charfidence. It has to do, this thesis, with acterizes the young men of the rising generation. In a speech before the Southern Society Colonel Smith, burning with the things he has suffered at the hands of proud waiters, conductors taxloabmen and the like, described New York as "the most insolent cit in the world"; and having been some what pounded for his aphorism, the colonel gallantly returns to the fray stronger instead of weaker, and carry call the higher walks of society. Nov he raps, not the rude despots of transportation or the public refectory but the butterfly youth of the Four Thou sand. In particular does he rebuke and swat these young men for their poorishness in accepting hospitality which they do not repay. This we gather from the comments of a Mid-He-Western paper, which upholds the

sire on the part of the corporations or payments until the courts have decided that they must do so.

It is a matter for genuth regret that Congress has not postponed the date on which returns must be filed, subject to a heavy fine, until after the constitutionality of the law had undergone judicial scrutiny. In two weeks the Supreme Court will take up the suits brought to test the validity of the law, and we suppose that its decision can be expected not very long there after. In the meantime, the operation of the law has gotten fairly started, and if the court goes against it, as 's certainly not unlikely, both the corporations and the government will happen. The really nice but imstrants of the own of the part of the standard control of the law has gotten fairly started, and if the court goes against it, as 's certainly not unlikely, both the corporations and the government will happen. The really nice but imstrants of the exercise of a little common ser garden sense. The administration's pecunious young men will stop accept.

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> salaried chaps who are supposed to ing expensive entertainments, which anybody can do on one condition, but helping to make things go, which not everybody can do on any condition. ure comes near collapsing, and society becomes a "place" where only the very rich, and maybe the very dull and fat to boot, meet each other incessantly to their enormous bore-

don't understand it to be anything reto parties in the very practical expectation that the young men will give day or next week, we should say that cospitality is not in these ladies, and right to eat the suppers, drink the more about it, thus taking the invita ion in exactly the same spirit of plain usiness in which it is offered. Are ve not right, Miss Fairfax? Isn't hos pitality something a little bigger and people with plenty of means and beau iful houses and a fondness for eners should "have in" their friends when hey feel like it, the same friends again at all, or even noticing, whether each of the friends was dutifully giving back string music for string music and canvasback for canvasback?

Mayor Gaynor may yet give the Tammany boss going to work for a

While no beings of the genus femina look so adorable in furs, our little star-eyed blondes never wear them, like some, when the thermometer is

We cannot refrain from noting with sincere regret the very bad habits that our friend, Hon, Bill Skillitt, of Hannyracker, has fallen into since he emi grated from the back page,

Old General Strike is behaving so badly in Philadelphia that we think he should be court-martialed and re-

Miss Alice Paull, the returned suf fragette, is now lecturing in this country. We do not know her exact subject, but suppose that she has some thing to say on the winging of primal ministers with adroitly aimed shoes.

The very thought of taking 'em of

As John Temple Graves would no put it, Ballinger and Pinchot are about

as thick as David and Goliath.

It is said that London ladies are now

The rivers of public sentiment seem o be overflowing the banks. Posta avings banks, we mean,

At least we can give the labor unions credit for having put a permanent crimp in the alleged jest about the ha-bitual somnolence of Philadelphia, etc.

In making plans for his new battle-

Look on the bright side. Remember that last year Congress was in session all the way till June.

Half-rations for Tammany vations for Gaynor. Ain't it awful?

It goes without saying that those new black roses will make a hit with our Jackson Ward 400.

MOUNTING MILLIONS IN SHIPS.

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Cost of Battleships Wifi More Than Dauble Under Meyer's Plan.

A few years ago it was thought that the United States Navy had reached its limit in the 16,000-ton battleship. This month the 20,000-ton battleship Delaware was delivered to the government, and in a few weeks its sister ship, the North Dakota, will be ready. Contracts have been awarded for the Arkansas and Wyoming, each of 26,000 tons. Now Secretary Meyer proposes that next year Congress authorize a 32,000-ton battleship, to be the largest in existence. The estimated cost will be about \$18,000,000, as compared with \$8,000,000 for the 16,000-ton flag-ship Connecticut.

## Borrowed Jingles

worthless unless Congress makes an appropriation for it—which Congress does not seem to be eager to do—the law has lost its chief meaning and purpose. It is no rash prediction to say that some of us now alive will live to see it repealed. Nor, with so much to cause confusion and doubt, is it any wonder that some of the corporations are risking a fine for the privilege of doing nothing till they learn exactly where they stand.

THE MOSQUITO: GUILTY AND SENTENCED.

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Jinka: "I say something cheap at a bar-gain counter to day."
Binka: "What was it?"
Jinka: "A man waiting for his wife."— New York Press.

Then They Might Vote. Ted: "Do you think there will be any change if women get the bailot?" Ned: "There's sure to be a law passed compelling the bargain counter to close while the polls are open."—Ally Sloper.

In Loudon, Eh? "We must call on the Countess next."
"But the Countess is in Jall."
"We'll, one must not neglect one's social
auties. Let us drive around to the jail and
leave cards."—Detroit Free Press.

Nervous Suitor: "I-er--wish to marry your daughter, sir!"
Parent: "Well, my boy, hadn't you better see her mother first?"
Nervous Suitor: "I have sir, and—or-er-I still wish to marry your daughter."—
Punch.

The Only Explanation. Ethel (confidentially): "Do you know, Clara, that I had two offers of marriage

Clare (with enthusiasm): "Oh, I am de-Clare (with enthusiasm): "Oh, I am de-lighted, dear! Then the report is really true that your unele left you his money,"— Pick-Me-Vi At the Polls. At the Polls,
"That candidate insists that he was defeated by the trusts."
"Yes," answered Sonator Sorghum, "whenever a man gets the worst of it he likes to contoole himself with the idea that he had a mightly big antagonist."-Pittsburg Post.

. THE CEASELESS CRITICS.

THERE may be a few young Matthew Quays growing up in Pennsylvania, but we don't believe the story that a father in New Hampshire has named his helpless infant son Jethro Bass—Chicago Tribune.

"Uncle Joe" wonders whether he is afootor on horseback. We can remember times when he has been up in the air.—Los Angeles Express.

By the way, wouldn't future generationa be busy if T. Rocsevelt had been born in February?-Cleveland Leader.

Speaking of baseball, all the clubs now are octential pennant winners.—Chicago News.

Free Press.

With Raisuit out of the way President Taft, King Edward, Jack Johnson and other dignitation need no longer fear kidnapping.

-Pittsburg Leader.

An Indian chief refrained from presenting an elaborately decorated war shirt to President Taft when he saw how big a man he was. The indian isn't the only man to be enlightened as to the size of the President recently. Wall Street has learned a thing or two.—Kennebec Journal.

would be a notable and fitting memorial to subject the matter should be properly laid begins the matter should be properly laid before the authorities in Washington.— Nortolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Appointing and Electing Commissioners.

It is well to keep the government as close o the people as possible, but in the case of the appointment of members of the State of members of the State ssion it is porthaps just logislature has killed off of which was to put in deeple the task of filling that hony by direct vote. body such as the Cor-must be qualified to tvery vitally affect the oppers and traveling pub-well as tens of millions Star.

Staunton's Milk Ordinance.

The milk ordinance passed by the City Council in 1905 has taken front rank among the health regulations of to-day. It is a fact, not perhaps generally known, that one ons of 10-day, 17 is one of the Staunton ordinance rely this shows that our at they were doing when present ordinance. Now, stative branch of the city dopted this law it only diministrative department rannent will do its part, zens and dairymen to coin seeing that the law is but those in official posinany difficulties encound conscientious fuildiment explicitly says that all ted before Apra, has passes of an expert veterinary by the council, must be teral manager, whose duty record of such tests and of show clean records. He is permit to deal in milk, for twelve months. There shed to such permit and inport rouble, so we urse set to comply with the law lies of trouble, so we urse set to comply with the law here she will insist that their moly with the law before twelve and the state of typhoid and any of them due to impure they will insist that their moly with the law before rodues. To sum it up, we y, honestly and equally oncause on reason why all bether milk dealers or milk of thelp the city officials in of the law.—Staunton Dis-

# PRINCE OF WALES AID TO HIS FATHER

King Requires Heir to Give Two Hours Daily to Affairs.

LORD FINGAL'S WINDFALL

Unknown Man Leaves Impoverished Irish Peer a Fortune of \$80,000.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

ILEN the Prince of Wales succeeds to the throne he will be able to take up the business of state with a far greater descession, for, whereas the late Queen Victoria kent her eldest son aloof from all matters of state, retaining the reins of government in her own hands with such a degree of exclusiveness as to almost savor of jeatousy, king Edward has for several years past been associating his heir apparent in the duties of sovereignty. Thus, the Prince of Wales visits Buckingham Palace every morning after breakfast, when in town, and remains there for two or three hours, occupying a room adjoining that of his father, the doors being open between them, and attends to all sorts of matters of routine and of detail, refleving the monarch of a large amount of work and trouble. Moreover, in all important matters, frequently in interviews with the ministers, the King calls his son into consultation. So that the prince knows exactly where the King stands in every pending issue, and is thoroughly initiated into all his father's views and policies.

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Fort Maury.

President Taft has not been unmindful of its promise to agitate and urge the project of or fortifications at the Virgina Capea. In Newark, N. J., a few days ago, he said; "There is needed at the mouth of the Chastage and Middle Ground, which shall command the cultrance to Chespeake Bay, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, an artificial issand upon the so-tended Middle Ground, which shall command the cultrance to Chespeake Bay, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, an artificial issand upon the somewhat the cultrance to Chespeake Bay, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, an artificial issand upon the somewhat the cultrance to Chespeake Bay, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, an artificial issand upon the somewhat the cultrance to Chespeake Bay, and in time must appeal to those who have the interest of the country at heart. Argument on the subject is over, for, as Mr. Taft sax, this fortification is needed." The government has long deferred the erection of a suitable memorial to Commodore Matthew F, Maury. "the pathfinder of the seas," and it would be singularly appropriate the interest of the memorial to Commodore Matthew F, Maury. "the pathfinder of the seas," and it would be singularly appropriate to the Hampton Roads and Chespeake Bay, would be a neither and the content to the Hampton Roads and Chespeake Bay, would be a neither and the content of the seas, the fortification in honor of the Hampton Roads and Chespeake Bay, would be a neither and the content to the Hampton Roads and Chespeake Bay, would be a neither and the content to the content to the content to the content to the content to

a number of years to let his ancestral home. Killeen Castle, in County Meath, to wealthy Americans.

One of the most remarkable members of his family was the late Father William Plunkett, his uncle, and for a long time the heir to his earldom. For the Hon, William Plunkett, after serving for a time in the army, entered the orders of the Roman Catholic Church and went out to Australia, where he spent all the closing years of his life, doing missionary work in the gold fields and gold mines, acquiring an extraordinary influence and respect among the rough miners. Father Williams other brother was the late Sir Francis Plunkett, long British ambassador at Vienna, and married to the daughter of Charles W. Morgan, of Philadelphia.

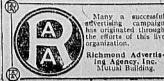
Lady Plunkett survives, and one of her daughters is the wife of Count Fersen Gyldenstolpe, now minister plenipotentiary of Sweden in Paris. The Plunketts are sumposed to be of Danish origin, but have been settled in Ireland ever since the twelfth century, and have been in possession of Killeen Castle since the year 1402, when it was obtained from Sir Christopher Was the first Lord Killeen, and it is from him that the present Earl of Fingal is descended in an unbroken line.

Famous Private Galleries

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Sir Edward Tennant, having built a large picture gallery to his London, mansion in Queen Anne's Gate, has provided it with a separate entrance to the street, and has announced that the public can on certain days of the week have access to the very fine collection of pictures formed by his father, the late Sir Charles Tennant, and devoted entirely to the English school of painting. Sir Edward Tennant is a brother of Mrs. Asquith, wife of the Premier.

There are quite a number of these private house collections open to the public in London, free of cost, among the most notable being the superb gallery of paintings of the Duke of Westminster, at Grosvenor House, and of the Duke of Wellington at Apsley House, the galleries in the latter being filled not only with wonderful Spanish old masjers, but also with



# Daily Queries and Answers

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described by King Edward, like his father before him, derives his wealth from the greatest chemical works in the United Kinsdom. He has represented Salisbury in Parliament formany years, and on his father's death found himself the largest individual owner of stock in the London Times. It is understood that he disposed of these holdings to Lord Harmsworth, and that it is owing to their acquisition by that peer that the latter is able to exercise a controlling influence over "The Thunderer." The holdings of Lord Harmsworth a majority of the stock, but the largest individual block, the remainder of the stock, including that belonging to the walter family, being divided un amongst a number of neopie who are hopelessly at variance with one another, and apparently incapable of any united action.

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Corporation of the People.

Crime That Goex Undetected.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Within a few miles of me there have occurred three deaths under circumstances strongly indicating mailtons, points, and preserved at much inconvenience for quite a while awaiting a chemical project, and no attempt at prosecution was made. The charges ranged from \$200 to \$500 for a test, with additional charges if court attendance was required. Thus the criminals are secure and others incited to wreak this hope and others incited to wreak this incurs and carrying the little of State chemist, Wouldn't it be well to enact a law requiring that department to make such tests immediately and free of charge who sent by order the Commonwealth's Attorneys of the Commonwealth's Attorneys of the cities or counties?

Voice of the People.

Election of School Trustees.

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Election of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—The election of school trustees cannot be opposed because it would be undemocratic. Democracy surely means local self-government wherever it will not conflict with the general public welfare.

School trustees have much power over local taxes. The people who pay the taxes ought to elect the officers who handle the money. State taxes should be controlled by officers elected by the people of the State. District taxes should be controlled by officers elected by the people of the State. District taxes elected by the people of the State. District taxes elected by district taxpayers. This principle demands the election of school trustees by the qualified voters of each district.

The opponents of this democratic.

Unique Address of States immediately of the Commonwealth's Attorneys of the cities or countles?

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district.

The opponents of this democratic principle say the election of school trustees would bring polities into our school system. If politics were not already in it, there might be some grounds for fear. There can be no system of government without some polities. If polities must be a part of the controlling influence in our school system, let it be by vote of the people who pay the taxes.

Some claim that better trustees are

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His a rural letter carrier the right to carrie rural letter carrier the right to carrie rural letter carrier the right to carrier along that attacks him while on duty a dieg that attacks him while on duty after notifying tim owner to keep him confined, whether on public or private road; a seek him confined, whether on public or private road; and that a rural carrier may go armed under the same conditions as any one else—that is to say, if he has reason to believe that is to say, if he has reason to believe that it is to say, if he has reason to believe that it is not more as a concealed weapon. It is should be careful even then about shouting around the careful even then about shouting around the reason of the court, he may carry a concealed weapon. It is should be careful even then should be careful even then about shouting around the careful even then should be careful even the should be careful even t

Unique Address of Southern Statesman Pleases Whole Country,

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The farewell address of United States Senator James Gordon is well named by Chauneey M. Depew, "a farewell unique." Colonel Gordon, although taking his leave of the Senate after a too-brief solourn among the members of that body, seemed to be exceptionally good natured. He had attained the height of his ambition, even realizing the accomplishment of the prophecy made by his mother, that "iff he were a good little boy he would asome day sit in the chair of the hig man at Washington." Yet some might question his past career on the basis of what used to happen to the good little boy in the Sunday school book and what Mark Twain says are the qualifications of national legislators.

Colonel Gordon is a humorist who is not ashamed of his accomplishment. With all the genial hospitality of a Southern gentleman he invited Senator Heyburn to Mississippi to spend a few weeks, supposedly to get over his belliose attitude toward General Lee, He loves the negro, too, and has written two noems to prove it. He also admired John D. Rockfeller and feels sorry for the oily magnate.

There is no apparent worry Jn Colonel Gordon's heart because he happened to be a Confederate sodier. He "fought, bled and skedaddled frequently." The spirit of a Southern gentleman fairly shines through his past life, for while he was cantuming General light, that the poor marksmanship of the seneral doubtless enters largely missed. The poor marksmanship of the general doubtless enters largely missed. The poor marksmanship of the general doubtless enters largely missed. The poor marksmanship of the general doubtless enters largely missed. The poor marksmanship of the general doubtless enters largely missed. The general coulder sender spirit of the Southern Senate cannot but call politics. If politics must be a part of of the controlling influence in our school system, let it be by vote of the people system, let it be by vote of the people system, let it be by vote of the people system, let it be by vote of the people system, let it be by vote of the people system, let it be by vote of the people system, let it be by vote of the people secured by appointment than could be secured by appointment of the big demogracy is not the best form of govilage. Sir have been, and always will be, men have been, and always will be, men be been compared by the people. Such men may be honest, but it is safer to be govilage in the people will be hone